

# Georgia Hays, Davis Sweepstakes Victor, Seeks Another Title in Star Tourney

## From the PRESS BOX Poll to End Sports Polls Might Prove Helpful

By JOHN LARDNER, Special Correspondent of The Star.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—This being the time of year for polls of one kind and another—like who staged the greatest come-back of the year, yes or no? and what athlete with store teeth made the biggest gain in 1938? and what woman athlete named Helen Wills Moody is the best tennis player?—we are about to take the muzzie off our own poll and hurl it in the jaws of a waiting world. Any wing world will do.

Was football overemphasized in 1938, and if so, who will buy the next round?

That is the question that 30,000,000 sports fans are asking themselves as they fasten on their roller skates. Was it Glenn Cunningham, the bolo puncher from the Philippines? Was it Sea Biscuit, the Wild Bull of the Pampas? Was it Katherine Rawls, the Fordham flash? Was it a man named Snyder, wanted by the police of Kenosha, Wis.?

The fact is, none of these problems has anything to do with our poll, which is dead serious, and a little more dead than serious, at that.

## Kingfish Votes for Foxx, Soling for Penult

We sent the question to Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of Chicago University and advocate of the 10-cent football game. Nobody has stronger views on the subject than Dr. Hutchins. We wish we had remembered to put stamps on the letter when we wrote him, because his answer might have been pretty interesting.

On the other hand, King Levin's answer was no good at all. The Kingfish replied:

"My vote goes to Jimmy Foxx. At the beginning of the season, they were saying that Jimmy was through. They said he was washed up. They said he would never hit above 300 again. And what was Foxx's answer to these taunts? What was his reaction to the sneering jibes of the critics? I forget what it was, but when they say Joe Louis had me scared, they lie!"

Ossie Solem, successful head coach of the Syracuse football team, comes directly to the point. Is football overemphasized?

"Yes," writes Solem, who was known as the Galloping Ghost during his playing days. "Football is overemphasized on the pennant. Everybody says F O O T B A L L. As soon as people begin to say foot B A L L, we will have something."

Coach Solem neglects to say what it is we will have, but he speaks with authority, because it was he and not Pop Warner, who invented the pennant. The pennant calls for flankers on the right and left and a single wingback. You can pass, run, or kick from this formation, but you are a sucker if you don't kick. Six dollars a day, without bath, is an outrage.

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In a separate poll, the players voted to chop off their right arms for Grange as follows:

Above the elbow—5.  
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## Would Become Second Woman to Win Giant Maple Event Twice

### Joe Harrison Is Hero As Marlboros Beat All-Star Quint

Georgia Hays, distinguished as the fourth girl bowler to win the Meyer Davis Sweepstakes, virtually monopolized by Lorraine Gull, in its 11 years, today looked anxiously toward The Evening Star Yuletide tournament finals next week, when she will endeavor to become the second in the women's division ever to win this coveted championship twice.

But the star from Silver Spring and Chevy Chase averred that probably it would take a lot more pins to repeat her victory in The Star's 11th annual giant maple tournament than either her first block 5-game score of 590 or the 569 which climaxed her Meyer Davis victory last night at the Lucky Strike.

Not since Bess Ackman won The Star tournament in 1929 and 1930 has any champion repeated.

With the deadline for qualifying in the tournament falling next Sunday, officials of the Washington City Duffin Association will bend every effort this week in co-operation with alley heads to bring every bowler possible into the tournament.

### Mrs. Hays' Victory Close

Leader at the end of the first five games in the Davis sweepstakes, Mrs. Hays went on to win by a margin of three pins over Caroline Hiser of the Lucky Strike Ladies' District League team. Mrs. Hays' 10-game total was 1,159.

Miss Hiser, sister of J. Henry Hiser, pioneer bowling promoter of Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, tossed away the championship when she missed a three-pin spare break in her final frame.

Holding forth place at the end of the first block with 572, Caroline, with strings of 119, 103, 126, 110 and 126, registered 584, the highest set of the final block. Her grand total of 1,156 far outstripped the efforts of Lorraine Gull, who finished first with 1,122 with sets of 545-577.

Lorraine Gull, the defending champion, pulled up to fourth with a final set of 564 after holding fifteenth position in the opening round with 515. Washington's bowling league was far outside in an attempt to win for the seventh straight time, was pleased over the fact that she had finished in the money every time. With 1,079 Miss Gull nosed out Evelyn Ellis by one pin for last money place.

The prize winners received \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$7, but he speaks with authority, because it was he and not Pop Warner, who invented the pennant. The pennant calls for flankers on the right and left and a single wingback. You can pass, run, or kick from this formation, but you are a sucker if you don't kick. Six dollars a day, without bath, is an outrage.

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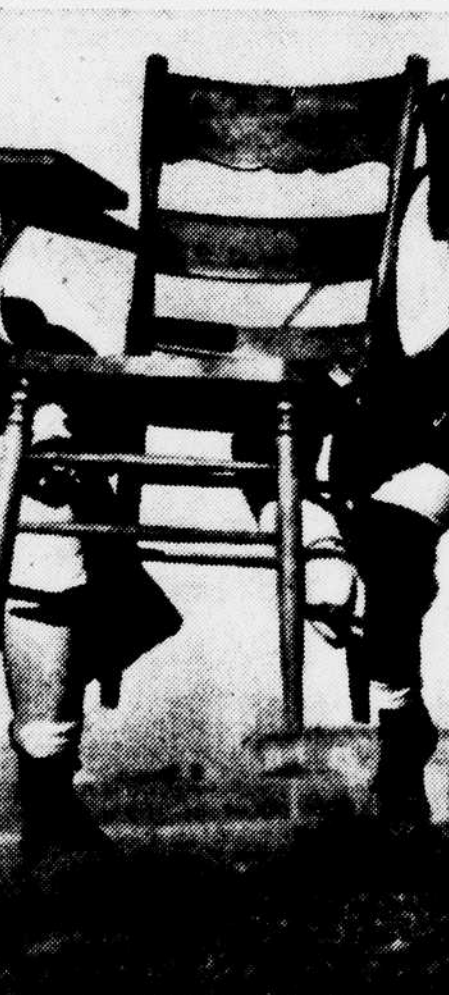
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PROMOTED — Joe Sheeketski, backfield tutor at Holy Cross for six years, who succeeds Eddie Anderson as head coach.



BLAME THE WEATHER MAN—Shown wearing odd garments to keep warm at Fort Worth, Tex., where T. C. U. is prepping for its Sugar Bowl clash with Carnegie Tech, are Ki Aldrich, all-America center (left) with overcoat, and Capt. I. B. Hale, 257-pound tackle, sporting a pajama top, practicing with an old school chair.



TOTAL, 68—Jug McSpaden, adding his strokes for the final Miami golf round, found that they equalled just \$2,500.



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## Galento's High Rating Smacks Of N. B. A. Publicity Move In View of His Record

By BURTON HAWKINS.  
Bulb-eyed Tony Galento, the human sponge whose most notable victory in two years has been a decision over pneumonia, today found his blubbery frame occupying a favored spot among the world's heavyweights, at least in the somewhat astigmatic optics of the National Boxing Association.

Galento, fondly labeled Two-Ton Tony, the Newark Nightstick and various less complimentary monikers, also has been branded the leading challenger for Joe Louis' heavyweight crown by the N. B. A. The quaint reasoning is based on the excuse outstanding boxers have refused to fight Tony.

Tony's Ranking Mysterious.

In a sense, the N. B. A. is right. Harry Thomas was matched with Fatty recently in Philadelphia, but refused to fight. When the opportunity presented itself, Mr. Thomas conveniently located a pillow por-

## Mancini Is Mean Foe For Escobar Tonight In Non-Title Go

Sixto Escobar, world bantamweight champion who hasn't seen fit to jeopardize his crown for more than 10 months, won't again tonight at Turner's Arena when he faces Al Mancini, clever Providence youngster, in a 10-round feature which figures to tax the capacity of the remodeled service station.

The show will start at 9 o'clock instead of the customary half hour earlier due to late Christmas shopping hours.

Mancini Gilt-Edge Threat.

Largely because Mancini is regarded a gilt-edged threat to spank the olive-skinned champion, Escobar has been installed only a 6-5 favorite with plenty of takers. The Puerto Rican titleholder forced Mancini to weigh in at 124 pounds for the non-title engagement.

The bout shapes up as the finest presented here during the indoor season. Mancini, undefeated in four appearances before local customers, is an aggressive swarmer who takes stiff punch, while Escobar is a convincing hitter who dealt Harry Jeffra a merciless beating in recapturing the title at San Juan last February.

Escobar's Excuses Strained.

Ordered to defend his crown within 60 days against Kayo Morgan, Henry Hook—both of whom have trounced him—or George Pace, Escobar says his reason for refusing to risk his title within the customary six months has been an ailing shoulder. Excuses after an 60-day limit expires will be void.

In the six-round semi-final, Toby Tobias, Miami lightweight, will meet Pancho Huerta, while four-rounders will find Toby Scroggins colliding with Billy Savage, Billy Carrigan bumping into Brooks Bowen and Zuzi Pitts exchanging wallops with Wild Man Daniels.

Shooting 662, Santini handily defeated Clarke for the fourth time in five of the annual charity clashes. Rolling 168 for his first game to the losing Cuff and Santini crew never was headed.

Clarke shot 608. Nearly 1,000 fans paid 40 cents each to see the matches.

## T. and W. Gridmen Rule In 135-Pound Class

Taranto and Wasman's 135-pound football team was recognized as the city champion of its class today, following its 12-0 victory over Georgetown A. C. yesterday.

In the play-off game for the National Capital League title, R. Schaefer and Walker scored touchdowns in the first and second periods to bring victory to their team.

## Sports Mirror

By the Associated Press.  
Today a year ago—Mel Ott's lifetime total of 306 homers set new National League record, as revealed by National League batting averages.

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## Big Building Program Planned for Links Here Next Year

Work on Private, Public Plants to Be Greatest Undertaken Since '25

By WALTER McALLUM.  
Golf course improvement and course construction around the Capital is due for a boom in 1939 if all the improvements proposed for a half-dozen courses go through next year.

Foremost among the extensive improvements is the proposed new 18-hole course at Congressional Country Club, where Wiffy Cox, the club pro, has mapped a completely new layout to give that club 36 holes of golf.

Among the private clubs, Kenwood and Army-Navy are going in for more course construction work, while a new public course for colored will open at Deanwood, D. C.; a nine-hole layout will be started at Fort Dupont, in Southeast Washington, and East Potomac Park, oldest municipal layout in the city, is due for some face lifting.

The rest of the private clubs will stand pat on their time-tested layouts, notably Chevy Chase and Columbia, which have modern fairway-water courses.

Greatest Expansion Since '25.

Not since the years between 1922 and 1925, when four private clubs now operating came into existence, in a wild expansion of golf facilities, has there been so much course construction on the fire as may take place in 1939. It bears out the thought of Wiffy Cox, who says the Capital is a veritable hot-bed of golf and is surprised to find that a city where so much golf is played hasn't turned out a national champion.

For years the only course open to the colored has been a dinky little layout near the Lincoln Memorial. But next spring a new course to be opened in Deanwood, north of Benning road, will provide people of the colored race with golf facilities equal to the best. This course will be included in the operating lease to come up for award next Thursday at the National Park Service office.

A new nine-hole course in Fort Dupont Park, to be started next year, will provide golf facilities for the southeastern sector of the city, in addition to the Fairland course in Anacostia Park.

East Potomac Plans Vast.

The face-lifting process at East Potomac Park hinges on whether S. G. Leoffler, grandpappy of local public golf, again gets the contract for operation of East Potomac, a major part of the Leoffler enterprises. Plans for reconstruction of many of the greens and rebuilding of most of the tees loom for consummation next spring if Leoffler receives the award.

Kenwood, where Wiffy Cox started reconstruction work before he went to Congressional early this year, plans to build a new seventeenth green, in addition to lengthening the fifteenth and sixteenth holes. The latter hole, in particular, will become quite a two-shooter, under plans revealed by Professional George Diefenbaugh. Ground west of the present seventeenth green has been cleared in preparation for the construction work, to get under way in the spring.

Army-Navy, with a new 18-hole course now in use, is continuing construction work on a third nine to end in the valley where the old first hole crossed over to an elevated green.

All in all, notwithstanding that no new clubs are contemplated, the construction program is the biggest in many years in golf around Washington.

Three years ago—Capacity crowd of 17,462, record for basketball ball, saw N. Y. U. beat California quintet, 41-26, in Madison Square Garden.

## Sports Program For Local Fans TODAY.

Basket Ball.  
The Citadel vs. Catholic, Catholic Gym, 8:15.  
Montgomery-Blair High vs. Catholic Freshmen, Catholic Gym, 7.  
St. John's vs. Anacostia, Anacostia Gym, 7.

## Marlboro Again Tops District Pin Kings; Tru-Blus Fail

In a District Bowling League match at Chevy Chase the Marlboro Hotel aggregation repeated an early season victory over Cuff and Santini, winning two games, the first and the last. However, the losing league pacemakers, counting 698, a pin short of their season record, topped high set with 1,884 to 1,821. Santini, still hot from his slashing victory over Clarke at Convention Hall in the toy fund show, featured with 405 and Blakeney who had rolled 398 at the hall came back with 399. Wolfe led the Marlboro attack with 391.

Diamond Cab, led by Elmer Wesley's 165-405, chalked up a 1,913 set to turn back the second-place Tru-Blus in two of the three games, losing the final game by only two pins, 632 to 636. Lou Jenkins contributed 398 and Howard Parsons 385 to the victory. Frank Mischo's 384 was high for the losers.

Convention Hall upset Arcadia twice with Abe Weinberg's 377 and Julie Singer's 373 as the telling wallop. Paul Harrison of Arcadia topped the match with 391.

Pounding out 422, the highest set of the night, Sam Benson was the star in Georgetown Recreation's 2-1 win from Lucky Strike. His last game of 151 enabled the West Enders to take the odd-game skirmish, 622 to 598. Al Wright's 376 and Clarence Apple's 147 were the best for the Luckies.

## D. C. Golfers to Clash In G. U.-Duke Series

A home and home team match between Georgetown and Duke University will be the year's leading money winner, boosted his total by \$375 when he tied with Jimmy Thomson of Shawnee, Pa., at 282, but he failed to go over the \$200,000 mark.

Snead, the pre-tournament favorite because of his record 267 on the course last year, has earned a total of \$19,414.9 with one tournament left—the \$3,000 Houston open December 29-31.

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## Golf Win by Stroke Is Worth \$2,500 To McSpaden

Picard Collects \$1,250 For Finishing Second In Miami Open

By the Associated Press.  
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 19.—Harold (Jug) McSpaden, of Winchester, Mass., headed toward the Western golf circuit today with the \$2,500 first prize of the \$10,000 Miami open in his pocket and his confidence restored.

McSpaden hadn't won a big money tournament in three years until yesterday, when his final round of 69 brought his 72-hole total to a 5-under-par 275.

Picard Misses by Stroke. But even then he was not sure of winning, and spurned congratulations until the saw Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa., fail by a stroke to catch him at the pay-off line.

Picard won \$1,250 for finishing second. Johnny Revolta of Coral Gables, Fla., a former P. G. A. champion, was next in line at 279 to earn \$1,000. Denny Shute of Coral Gables put together his second straight 68 to tie at 280 with Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., who won \$650. Frank Walsh of Bretton Woods, N. H., finishing 66-67, drew down \$512.50 with a 281 total.

## Stars Gone, Delhuds Battle to Escape Heurich Cellar

Delaware & Hudson's entry in Heurich's Amateur Basketball League was moved from first to last place in the standings today as the six games it previously had won were declared forfeited.

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## Pro Football.

Portsmouth Cubs, 7; Norfolk Shamrocks, 7.

## Late Winning Thrust Gets Brewer Quint Out of Doghouse

### First Pro Loop Triumph Scored Over Jewels As Schonfeld Stars

Mickey Schonfeld has regained his scoring touch and Washington Brewers have something in the percentage column besides three zeros. The rating now is .143, or one victory in seven American League starts.

It was in the first game against the second-place New York Jewels yesterday that the Brewers put on a Cinderella finish in the last 10 seconds to win, 27-26. That was here in the afternoon. The two teams immediately hopped a train for Brooklyn, where a night contest between them was taken by the Jewels, 34-25.

Zahn Starts Rally.

The whole last period of the afternoon was taken from a fiction thriller. The Heurichs were trailing at the end of the first third, 11-6, and at the end of the second third, 22-11. They had pulled up to 24-17 when a technical foul called against the Jewels caused a mild rumpus, but at the same time put real fire into the Brewers. Art Zahn made good the free ins. Schonfeld tallied with two snowbirds. Zahn netted another free toss and one more beauty from the floor by Mickey put Heurich ahead, 25-24.

George Slott, New York guard, tied things with a foul toss, and a little later he emerged from an argument with Schonfeld with two more free tosses at the basket, one of which he made good. With 10 seconds of play remaining, New York was ahead, 26-25. Then Kit Carson, former Washington and Lee basketball captain, took a jump ball from Whitey Wilson's tap, dribbled down the floor and sunk it for the slim winning margin.

## Schonfeld Heavy Scorer.

Schonfeld found the rim five times from the floor and once from the foul line to lead the locals with 11 points, but Carson, Kweiler and Zahn also were helpful factors in Washington's first victory.

HEURICH	JEWELS
Carson, f. 2 3 7	Rubenstein, f. 2 5 9
Burke, f. 1 0 2	Spindler, f. 1 0 3
Schonfeld, f. 5 11 21	Schiffman, f. 1 0 3
Pickens, f. 0 0 0	Pickens, f. 0 0 0
Kleszc, f. 0 0 0	Slott, f. 1 0 1
A. Buecher, f. 0 0 0	Russell, f. 0 0 0
Fischer, f. 0 0 0	Gersons, f. 0 0 0
Zahn, f. 0 0 0	
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